

RESOLUTION ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 73
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State Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised about the economic burden unfunded mandates place on counties and municipalities across Texas. H.J.R. 73 seeks to address this issue by proposing an amendment to the Texas Constitution restricting the legislature's ability to impose mandates on counties and municipalities without also providing adequate funding to comply with those mandates.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this resolution does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.J.R. 73 proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution to condition the effect of a law enacted by the legislature on or after January 1, 2018, that requires a municipality or county to establish, expand, or modify a duty or activity that requires the expenditure of revenue by the municipality or county on the legislature appropriating or otherwise providing, from a source other than the municipality's or county's revenue, for the payment or reimbursement of the costs incurred for the biennium by the municipality or county in complying with the requirement.

ELECTION DATE

The constitutional amendment proposed by this joint resolution will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 2017.